V. *Part of two Letters from Mr* Henry Vaughan *to the Publiſher, containing ſome uncommon Obſervations made upon the Diſſection of ſome Morbid Bodies.*

A Gentleman about a month before *Chriſtmas* eat ſome common Prunes, about two pound, or more, and about a month or five weeks ago, he eat about a pound more: About a fortnight before he dyed I found, according to his complaint, that he had ſome ſymptoms of the Stone. He had a violent pain in the neck of his *Veſica*, and about the *Urethra*, with obſtructions in his Urine, *&c.* I ordered him a Terebinthinate Clyſter, which gave him eaſe; but ſeeing his pains increaſed, I adviſed him to a Phyſician: He made uſe of one of his acquaintance, he likewiſe preſcribed Clyſters, with Diureticks and Narcoticks, to no purpoſe. Upon his death, I obtained leave of his Relations to Diſſect him; accordingly I did with the help of a Surgeon, Dr *Weſt* being preſent, with ſeveral others of the deceas'd Patient's friends. I found upon the Diſſection the Prune-ſtones paſſed into the *Inteſtinum rectum*, and had there made a perforation, or rupture into the *Pelvis*. We tyed one part of the Gut, and cut out apiece, and emptied it: There was taken out 128 Prune-ſtones in number, beſides what we left behind *inſtercore*, in the other part of the *Inteſtinum Rectum*. There was likewiſe a large *Polypus* taken out of the Left Ventricle of the Heart, *&c.*

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London, June 11. 1702.

SIR,

YOur kind reception of the laſt, encourageth me to give you a further account of a Youth in your Neighbourhood, who I attended about 30 hours; his Caſe was the *Iliaca paſſio*, very terrible for the time; he was aged about 14 years, of a Sanguine Conſtitution. About 3 or 4 hours before he dyed I adminiſtred a Terebinthinat Clyſter, which gave, during its ſtay, immediate eaſe; he ſo continued about an hour, then his Diſeaſe returned again as ſevere as ever: He ſoon after dyed: but before, ſome time he voided ſome of his Clyſter by Vomit. The Caſe being not very uſual, I applyed my ſelf to his Friends, in order to Diſſect him; which accordingly I did the next day. Finding the Liver only ſomething larger than ordinary, I immediately made ſearch from the *Ventriculus* quite to the lower end of the *Inteſtinum rectum*: The *Ventricle* was conſiderably extended, a little ſpace from the Gut *Ileon*, in the *Jejunum*, I found the excrements had made a breach, and ſome quantity was evacuated. I then proceeded to the Gut *Ileum*, I found a conſiderable part of it very livid, not in the leaſt extended; the Colon was much like a Contuſed Wound about 3 or 4 days old. I inſpected into the center of it, where I found it ſomething freſher, not ſo livid as the outſide. About the beginning of the *Inteſtinum rectum* I found another large ruption, where there was more excrements voided. There was ſome other ſmall matters to be ſeen, not worth while for me to mention to you. However, Sir, this being matter of fact, as a great many of his Relations can teſtifie, they being preſent, I thought fit to acquaint you with it. About 18 months ago I diſſected a poor

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Emaciated Creature, that dyed of a *Hydrops*, out of whom I took about 10 Gallons of Liquor meaſured: and about a month ago a Child which had an Involution of the Inteſtines; which, I believe, the Vulgar means, and calls the Twiſting of the Guts.

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